GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Higher Education – Vigilance Commission – Departmental Proceedings against Sri C.Damodar Reddy, Principal (Retired.)Govt. Junior College, Domakonda, Nizamabad District – Finalisation of disciplinary action under rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980- Final orders– Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (V C.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 543

Dt.17-6-2008.
Read the following:-

- 1. From the Director of Intermediate Education, Lr.Rc.No.Ser.I-3/1344/99, Dated 3-07-2004.
- 2. Govt.memo No.6005/VC.II/2004-1, dt.28.1.2005
- 3. From the Director of Intermediate Education , Lr.Rc.No.Ser.I-3/1344/99, Dated 24-05-2006 along with explanation of Sri C.Damodar Reddy,Principal (Retd.)Govt. Junior College, Domakonda, Nizamabad District –
- 4. Govt. Memo.6005/VC-II/2004 3, Dated: 12-02-2007.
- 5. From the Secretary, APPSC., Hyd., Lr. NO. 318/RT-I/2008, Dt.31-1-2008.

ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Director of Intermediate Education A.P. Hyderabad has stated that based on the Inspection Report submitted by District Vocational Education Officer, the following articles of charges were framed against the Accused Officer.

- <u>CHARGE -I</u>:- That Sri C. Damodar Reddy, Principal, Govt. Junior College, Domakonda while functioning as Principal, is habituated to keep leaving the Government cash with him personally for his private use for months together and used to remit the amounts at his convenience which amounted to temporary misappropriation of Govt. funds and violated rules.
- CHARGE-II:- That Sri C. Damodar Reddy did not follow the rules and regulations framed by the Govt. in operating the Govt. amounts with regard to the Beedi workers Scholarships, B.C(Renewal) Scholarships, mess charges etc. He has misappropriated the amounts keeping with him in huge amounts on hand and remitting the balances at his own convenience. He has violated the rules ad committed grave procedural lapses.
- 2. After receipt of explanation from Accused Officer, the Regional Joint Director of Intermediate Education, Warangal has been appointed as Enquiry Officer, who has concluded that on the basis of documentary and oral evidences stated that the charges framed against the Accused Officer are held proved. Further, the Director of Intermediate Education has stated that while the matter stood thus, the Accused Officer has retired from service on 30-9-2003 on attaining the age of superannuation and requested the Govt. to issue necessary orders as per Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as Government is the competent authority to finalize disciplinary proceedings in respect of the retired Government Servants.
- 3. After careful examination of the entire matter, after following due procedure it was decided to impose 5% (Five percent) cut in pension for a period of five years for the charges leveled against the Accused Officer held proved. Accordingly, a show cause notice was issued to the Accused officer vide memo. dt.28.1.2005. In response to the show cause notice, the Accused Officer has submitted that he has not embezzled any amount and remittances of amount in to the bank were made belatedly for the reason that the bank was located at Kamareddy which is about 30 KMs away from the headquarters Domakonda.
- 4. The Government have reviewed the entire matter and observed that the provisional decision taken by the department to impose 5% cut in pension for 5 years against Sri C.Damodar Reddy, Principal, Government Junior College (Retired) is not commensurate with the financial irregularities committed by him as the Accused Officer has utilized the Government cash for his personal use for months together and used to remit back the amounts at his own convenience which amounts to temporary misappropriation and gross misconduct. The Enquiry Report reveals that an amount of Rs.1,93,568/- was collected during the period 1995-2003 from the students towards special fees and only an amount of Rs.10,433/- was remitted in to PD Account on the date of his retirement. He retired on 30.9.2003. Even in the scholarships sanctioned to children of Beedi Workers and BC students, the un-disbursed amount was kept with him for months. Huge amounts of advances were given to the staff from the special fees

funds and the same was not recouped and they were recouped after his retirement. Special fees funds are not meant for giving advances to the staff. Caution money deposits collected from the students were not returned to the students immediately. For all the above financial irregularities, the Government have now provisionally decided that the Charged Officer is not entitled for full pension and a punishment of 20% cut in pension on a permanent basis be imposed on the charged officer besides recovery of any amounts due from him. Accordingly a revise Show-Cause was issued to the Accused Officer, as the A.O. has submitted his explanation to Government.

- 5. The Accused Officer in his explanation has stated that he has not misappropriated any Government funds there may be procedural lapses which may kindly be exonerated from the articles of charges and requested the Government to drop the charges and release his pensionary benifits to him. He has also requested to sanction provisional pension to him. He explained that the reason for keeping the huge amounts with him after assuming charge as Principal, Government Junior College, Domakonda in the year 1995, in that the non-teaching staff did not guide him properly to perform his duties. He has also stated that there was no treasury in which P.D.A/c was opened at Domakonda (V) as it was shifted to Kamareddy, Nizamabad District which is 30 Kms from Domakonda. As the treasury is far away and due to lack of transport facilities and non-availability of responsible persons to carry the cash from Domakonda to Kamareddy, which is 30 KMs away from the said college , the amounts were kept in the custody of the Principal in the college and was accounted for in the college cash book from day to day. The remittances of special fee in to Government Treasury could not be done day to day for the reasons that TA has to be paid to the person who carry the cash to the Government Treasury and there is no provision for payment of TA & DA to the person who goes for the remittance in to Government Treasury. Therefore, the amounts to collected from the students have been kept with the Principal of the College.
- 6. The Govt. have observed that, the main allegation against the Accused Officer is that he has been keeping huge amount on hand and remitting the balances at his own convenience caused temporary misappropriation and Accused officer has violated the rules and committed grave procedural lapses. The enquiry officer & Commissioner of Intermediate Education, A.P., have not recommended in their findings/recommendations to recover any amounts from the Accused officer. But the Accused Officer has kept huge amount for a long time i.e, more than one year with him.
- 7. In view of the irregularities stated above, the Government have decided to impose 5% cut in pension for a period of 5 years against the Accused Officer and accordingly, the Government , hereby order to impose the punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of 5 years on Sri C. Damodar Reddy, Principal (Retired), Government Junior College, Domakonda, Nizamabad District under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- 8. The Director of Intermediate Education, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRAPDESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

Sri C.Damodar Reddy, Principal (Retd.) Govt.Junior College, Domakonda Nizamabad District through Director of Intermediate Education,A.P.Hyderabad.

The Director Of Intermediate Education, A.P. Hyderabad.

Copy to: Director of Intermediate Education The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

P.s. Hon'ble Minister (HE) /Prl. Secretary to Government. SF/SC.

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